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Mr. Speaker, I salute the Centralia Sentinel and offer my best wishes for the next 150 years.

CONGRATULATING SAINTS PETER
AND PAUL MACEDONIAN ORTHODOX
CATHEDRAL ON ITS 50TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2013

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and admiration that I congratulate Saints Peter and Paul Macedonian Orthodox Cathedral as its congregation and church leaders join together in celebration of its 50th Anniversary. The congregation, along with Parish Priest, Very Reverend Tome Stamatov, and the Church Executive Board, including President Thomas Traycoff, Vice President Alex Kutanovski, Vice President Dejan Risteovski, Treasurer Naumce Pejovski, Financial Secretary Stojan Trajkovski, Secretary Dimce Alekovski, and Diocese Delegate Nick Nochevich, will be celebrating with a weekend of events from July 12 to July 14, 2013 at the cathedral in Crown Point, Indiana.

Saints Peter and Paul Macedonian Orthodox Cathedral was consecrated on July 14, 1963 in Gary, Indiana, when a group of immigrants from Macedonia came together with the goal of preserving Macedonian culture and religious tradition. Saints Peter and Paul is known throughout the United States and Canada as the first official Macedonian church built in North America. The founders proclaimed the mission of their new church before the Indiana Secretary of State in Indianapolis, Indiana: "The purpose of this parish is to preach the word of God and take spiritual care of its members; to spread goodness, justice, brotherly love, and respect among its members."

The cathedral in Gary flourished for many years, and the congregation continued to grow. Due to an increase in membership, a new cathedral and cultural center were built in Crown Point, Indiana, in 1989, and are still in existence today. The members and leaders of Saints Peter and Paul Macedonian Orthodox Cathedral played a major role in the establishment of additional churches throughout the United States and in Canada. Their determination, focus, and commitment laid the foundation for other Macedonian churches to come to life.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring and congratulating Saints Peter and Paul Macedonian Orthodox Cathedral on its 50th Anniversary. Throughout many hardships and trials, the congregation and leaders of Saints Peter and Paul have dedicated themselves to

preserving Macedonian heritage, tradition, and spiritual beliefs. Their constant dedication and commitment is worthy of the highest commendation.

RECOGNIZING THE HOWARD COUNTY
LIBRARY SYSTEM FOR BEING
NAMED LIBRARY OF THE YEAR
AND MR. MATTHEW WINNER OF
COLUMBIA, MARYLAND, FOR
BEING HONORED BY THE PRESIDENT
AS ONE OF TWELVE MUSEUM
AND LIBRARY "CHAMPIONS
OF CHANGE"

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2013

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Howard County Library System for being named Library of the Year, and Mr. Matthew Winner of Columbia, Maryland, for being honored by the President as one of twelve museum and library "Champions of Change."

Each year, one of the 21,000 public and academic libraries in the United States, Canada and Mexico is awarded this prestigious honor. The winning library is one that "most profoundly demonstrates creativity, leadership and innovation in developing signature events and initiatives, particularly those that can be emulated by others." I extend my congratulations to CEO and President, Valerie Gross, and to her remarkable team of educators and support staff at the Howard County Libraries. It is the first library system in the entire mid-Atlantic region to receive this award.

My parents always stressed the value of libraries as a tool for learning and enrichment. Now, as a parent myself, I have tried to do the same with my children. In this regard, the Howard County Library System and its patrons truly set an example for communities and families throughout our country. It is comprised of six branches that serve over 280,000 residents. Remarkably, 90 percent of those residents have and use library cards. The library system has the highest borrowing rate per capita in the United States, with over 7 million items checked out annually. The library is at the center of the educational, cultural and social network of Howard County.

The success of the Howard County Library System is a testament to the dedicated staff and administrators of the library system, but also the commitment of the people of Howard County to the value of education and lifelong learning. Congratulations to the Howard County Public Library System, a 21st-century library system worthy of this distinguished honor.

I would also like to congratulate Howard County resident and public school teacher and librarian, Matthew Winner of Columbia, Maryland, for being honored by the President as one of twelve museum and library "Champions of Change." Winner is the co-author of the forthcoming book, *Teaching Math with the Wii*, the "Busy Librarian" blog, and he was recently named a 2013 Library Journal "Mover & Shaker" in the category of Tech Leaders. Through his innovative thinking and dedication to captivating the attention and potential of our students through gaming and other popular technologies, Mr. Winner is a leader in his

field and making a real difference in his community. He is fully deserving of this recognition, and I offer him my thanks and congratulations.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF
ADAM LEEMANS

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2013

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Adam Leemans of Port Byron, Illinois on his recent achievement as valedictorian of his class at the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Adam completed his course of study at West Point with an emphasis on mechanical engineering and earned a 4.2 grade-point average. He also attained nine post-graduate honors for both academic and athletic excellence. In addition to his classroom success, Adam was the captain of the West Point triathlon team for two years.

After graduation, Adam will spend one month working at the Rock Island Arsenal, followed by one year working towards a master's degree in the United Kingdom. Following the completion of his studies he will report to Fort Leonard Wood for training and will eventually take over command of his own unit.

Mr. Speaker, I want to applaud Adam for his momentous achievement. His parents, Bonnie and David, along with his community should be extremely proud of this fine young man, and I wish him luck with his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PASSAGE
OF THE TBI TREATMENT ACT
AMENDMENT

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2013

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, thousands of our brave servicemen and women are returning from combat with severe cases of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), resulting in an inability to hold a job, properly care for their families, or in some cases, to overcome suicidal tendencies. As a nation, we have the responsibility for their care and recovery.

Currently, private healthcare providers across the United States are helping brain injury patients with new and innovative treatments, some of which have not yet been made available in Department of Defense (DoD) treatment facilities. In an effort to fix this delinquency, I introduced H.R. 2344, the TBI Treatment Act, in the House of Representatives.

The TBI Treatment Act would establish a 5-year "pay-for-performance" pilot program, not to exceed \$10 million per year, which would help expedite some of the new and groundbreaking treatments to our nations' active duty soldiers suffering from TBI and PTSD. Healthcare providers would be able to treat active-duty soldiers at no cost to the patient. The healthcare provider would be reimbursed by the DoD for providing the treatments, but only if the treatment is proven successful based on independent pre- and post-